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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK  
GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE  
IDEAS, AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING  
THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS -----.

NARR:

PEACE TALKS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL CONTINUED IN WASHINGTON  
THIS WEEK. AND IT APPEARS THAT THE KEY ISSUE STANDING IN THE  
WAY OF FINAL AGREEMENT IS THE QUESTION OF LINKING THE ACCORD  
TO FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE STATUS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA  
STRIP. THE GAP BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI POSITIONS  
APPEARS TO BE WIDE. EGYPT WANTS THE PEACE TREATY TO INCLUDE  
AGREEMENT ON THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.  
ISRAEL, ON THE OTHER HAND, DOES NOT WANT THE PEACE TREATY  
SPECIFICALLY LINKED WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMPREHENSIVE  
SETTLEMENT.

ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION THERE IS  
A VERY CLEAR AND SOLID RELATIONSHIP IN THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS  
BETWEEN THE PEACE TREATY AND THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK AND  
THE GAZA STRIP. BUT HE SAID THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS FAILED TO SET  
UP A TIMETABLE FOR CERTAIN STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES.

ISRAEL, ON THE OTHER HAND, REJECTS THE IDEA OF A TIMETABLE.  
AN ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAID ISRAEL BELIEVES THERE IS NO LEGAL  
LINKAGE IN THE CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO SETS OF  
NEGOTIATIONS. THE OFFICIAL SAID ISRAEL IS COMMITTED TO  
PARTICIPATING IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK

AND GAZA STRIP, BUT ADDED THAT ISRAEL DOES NOT FEEL THE EGYPTIAN COMPLIANCE WITH A PEACE TREATY SHOULD BE CONDITIONAL ON ISRAELI ACTIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

THE UNITED STATES SUBMITTED A COMPROMISE SOLUTION AIMED AT RESOLVING THE LATEST DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. AND EARLY IN THE WEEK PRESIDENT CARTER SAID FAILURE OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE A HORRIBLE DEVELOPMENT. THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THAT THE BENEFITS OF PEACE FAR OUT-WEIGH THE CURRENT PROBLEMS:

TAPE: CUT ONE -- CARTER

"THE PRESENT DISAGREEMENTS, COMPARED TO THE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED, ARE RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT. THE BENEFITS ARE SO OVERWHELMING IN COMPARISON WITH THE DIFFERENCES, THAT I HOPE THAT THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS WILL MOVE TOWARD PEACE."

NARR:

(OPT) MISTER CARTER ALSO EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE FRUSTRATION OVER THE PACE OF THE WASHINGTON TALKS, CITING HAGGLING OVER TECHNICALITIES AND SHIFTS IN POSITION BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. MISTER CARTER ADDED THAT THERE IS STUBBORNESS ON BOTH SIDES. (END OPT)

LATER IN THE WEEK, EGYPT PUT FORWARD NEW PROPOSALS WHICH WERE LATER DESCRIBED BY ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER EZER WEIZMAN AS CONTAINING BOTH FAVORABLE AND UNFAVORABLE ASPECTS. THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL RETURNED TO JERUSALEM TO BRIEF THE ISRAELI CABINET ON THE NEW EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS.

PRESIDENT CARTER THIS WEEK WELCOMED MOROCCO'S KING HASSAN THE SECOND TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR TALKS ON MIDEAST AND AFRICAN ISSUES. MISTER CARTER HAILED THE KING AS A STATESMAN ADMIRER AND RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HASSAN THE SECOND HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY ALONE AMONG ARAB LEADERS IN HIS SUPPORT OF THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, AND PRESIDENT CARTER WARMLY PRAISED HIM FOR HIS STAND:

TAPE: CUT TWO -- CARTER

"YOU HAVE SHOWN GREAT COURAGE IN TRYING TO RETAIN THE COHESION OF THE ARAB WORLD, AND AT THE SAME TIME BEING FORCEFUL IN YOUR EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY PRESIDENT SADAT A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO WHEN HE WENT TO JERUSALEM. HE WAS CRITICIZED BY MANY. BUT HE WAS PRAISED AND SUPPORTED BY YOU. AND I KNOW THAT YOUR BENEFICIENT INFLUENCE IN THE FUTURE WILL HELP OUR NATION AND THOSE OTHERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR PEACE ULTIMATELY ACHIEVE SUCCESS."

NARR:

THE SITUATIONS IN AFRICA, THE MIDEAST, THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR AND ENERGY MATTERS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MOROCCO WERE THE MAJOR SUBJECT OF TALKS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE KING. ACCORDING TO A WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL, THERE WAS ALSO A BRIEF REFERENCE TO MILITARY COOPERATION. MOROCCO'S DESIRE FOR AIRCRAFT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WAS ALSO APPARENTLY DISCUSSED IN A MEETING BETWEEN THE KING AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE.

A DELEGATION OF U.S. SENATORS WAS IN MOSCOW THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS. STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION WAS A PROMINENT ISSUE, BUT SENATOR ABRAHAM RIBICOFF, ONE OF THE DELEGATION LEADERS, MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS WAS NOT THE ONLY QUESTION THAT HAD TO BE RESOLVED. A SALT AGREEMENT WOULD BE GOOD FOR BOTH SIDES, THE SENATOR SAID, BUT HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO THE AMERICAN VOTER WHY THE UNITED STATES COOPERATES WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON STRATEGIC MATTERS AND CLASHES IN REGIONAL DISPUTES.

VOA CORRESPONDENT BILL MARSH HAS OTHER DETAILS:

TAPE: CUT THREE -- MARSH

"SENATOR RIBICOFF CITED SPECIFICALLY THE NEED TO PREVENT REGIONAL CRISES IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST FROM GROWING. HE ALSO TOUCHED ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO LEAVE A COUNTRY IF THEY WISH TO DO SO. SINCE THE SENATORS ARRIVED IN MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN LED BY BORIS PONOMAREV -- AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO AND

CHAIRMAN OF A SUPREME SOVIET COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE ASSESSMENT OF RELATIONS BY THE SOVIET SIDE WAS AS BLUNT AS SENATOR RIBICOFF'S PRESENTATION. MISTER PONOMAREV SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS OVER THE SPRING AND SUMMER, AND HE SAID THE SOVIET UNION WAS NOT TO BLAME. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN A POSITIVE TURN IN RELATIONS RECENTLY, BUT HE ADDED THAT THERE WERE STILL MANY AREAS OF TENSION."

NARR:

THIS WEEK THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL WARNED SOUTH AFRICA THAT IT FACES POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS IF IT FAILS TO COOPERATE WITH THE U.N. ON INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA. THE RESOLUTION CALLS ON SOUTH AFRICA TO CANCEL THE INTERNAL ELECTIONS SET FOR NAMIBIA EARLY NEXT MONTH AND TO COOPERATE WITH PLANS FOR U.N., SUPERVISED ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR. IT WARNS THAT FAILURE TO COOPERATE WOULD COMPEL THE COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION, INCLUDING ECONOMIC SANCTIONS.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE FOUR OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ABSTAINED IN THE VOTING. BUT THEY MADE IT CLEAR IN A JOINT STATEMENT THAT THEY SYMPATHIZE WITH THE CALL FOR COUNCIL ACTION IF SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUES TO DEFY THE UNITED NATIONS.

(OPT) AND U.S. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE READY TO JOIN IN SOME FORM OF SANCTIONS. HE ADDED THAT IF AFRICAN COUNTRIES OF THE U.N. CALLED FOR SPECIFIC MEASURES AGAINST PRETORIA THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE WILLING TO LISTEN:

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- YOUNG

"I DO THINK THAT THERE ARE SOME SANCTIONS THAT COULD BE IMPOSED BY THE WEST THAT WOULD NOT HURT BLACK WORKERS -- THAT WOULDN'T EVEN HURT THE WHITES THAT MUCH, AND WOULDN'T HURT US AT ALL, BUT WOULD EXPRESS THE DISPLEASURE OF THE WEST AT THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING THERE."

NARR:

U.S. OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT OPTIONS ON SANCTIONS ARE BEING EXAMINED AND THAT AMONG THEM ARE AN OIL EMBARGO AND RESTRICTIONS ON AIRLINE LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THEY STRESSED THAT THE

MOVES WOULD NOT CRIPPLE SOUTH AFRICA ECONOMICALLY BUT WOULD SERVE AS A CLEAR SIGNAL FROM THE WEST. (END OPT)

LATER IN THE WEEK SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER ROELOF BOTHA SAID THE U.N. ACTION DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID PRETORIA REMAINS IN CONTACT WITH THE FIVE WESTERN NATIONS ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND WITH U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM. MISTER BOTHA STRESSED THAT SOUTH AFRICA DOES NOT OPPOSE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.N. PLAN WHICH CALLS FOR INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA AND THE SENDING OF A U.N. PEACEKEEPING FORCE TO THE DISPUTED TERRITORY.

IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THIS WEEK, RHODESIA'S BIRACIAL FOUR-MAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECIDED TO POSTPONE ELECTIONS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 1978 UNTIL NEXT APRIL AND THE TURNOVER TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE. AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAID THE DELAY WAS NECESSITATED BECAUSE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS YET TO MAKE THE POLITICAL DECISIONS REQUIRED FOR FINALIZING THE BLACK MAJORITY RULE CONSTITUTION. BUT IT ADDED THAT THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE INTERNAL AGREEMENT ON MAJORITY RULE.

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THE LATEST CANTON FAIR ENDED THIS WEEK WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS REPORTING ANOTHER RECORD NUMBER OF TRADE CONTRACTS REACHED. SOME TWENTY THOUSAND BUSINESSMEN ATTENDED THE SEMI-ANNUAL FAIR AND SOME COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, SHARPLY INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF THEIR TRADE WITH CHINA. (OPT) VOA CORRESPONDENT WAYNE COREY REPORTS FROM HONG KONG:

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- COREY

"BOTH AMERICAN AND JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN REPORT MAJOR INCREASES IN THEIR TRADE. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN-CHINESE TRADE SAID AMERICAN TRADE AT THE CANTON FAIR JUMPED FROM 80 MILLION DOLLARS LAST YEAR TO ABOUT 145 MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. HE SAID CHEMICAL AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT WERE SOLD TO THE CHINESE WHO, HE SAID, PLAN TO BUILD SOME LARGE HOSPITALS. HE SAID THIS MARKET IS JUST STARTING AND HE EXPECTS IT TO GROW CONSIDERABLY."

NARR:

CHINA WAS PRAISED BY MANY WESTERN BUSINESSMEN FOR ITS OVERALL FLEXIBILITY IN DOING BUSINESS AT THE CANTON FAIR. THIS APPEARED TO BE PART OF A MAJOR PROGRAM OF TRADE EXPANSION. ONE CHINESE OFFICIAL REPORTED A THIRTY PERCENT INCREASE IN HIS COUNTRY'S EXPORTS DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. AND HE SAID CHINA INTENDS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN TRADE FAIRS HELD IN OTHER COUNTRIES. (END OPT)

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT THIS WEEK, CHINA HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME APPROACHED THE UNITED NATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. A FOUR-MEMBER TEAM FROM THE U.N. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WILL BE LEAVING NEW YORK NEXT WEEK FOR A MONTH-LONG VISIT TO PEKING. VOA CORRESPONDENT JOHN GUERRINI HAS DETAILS:

TAPE: CUT SIX -- GUERRINI

"THE MISSION IS A RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE PEKING GOVERNMENT LAST MONTH. A SENIOR U.N. DEVELOPMENT OFFICIAL SAID THE REQUEST IS IN LINE WITH CHINA'S AMBITIOUS PLAN TO MODERNIZE ITS AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY. ASKED IF THE REQUEST REPRESENTS A MAJOR DEPARTURE FROM CHINA'S POLICY OF SELF-RELIANCE, THE OFFICIAL CONCEDED THAT IT'S AN EVOLUTION FROM THE ATTITUDE OF 'DON'T DEPEND ON ANYBODY'. HE SAID THE CHINESE ARE INCREASINGLY AWARE THAT THEIR EFFORTS COULD BE PUT TO MORE EFFICIENT USE BY ADOPTING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES."

NARR:

SIGNS OF CHINA'S APPROACH TO THE U.N. APPEARED OVER THE PAST TEN MONTHS. THE CHINESE SENT A VERY HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO THE U.N.'S CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HELD LAST AUGUST IN BUENOS AIRES. AND LAST MONTH

CHINA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES FOR TRAINING CHINESE SPECIALISTS AND THE IMPORTATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

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AND FINALLY THIS WEEK, U.S. OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER SOVIET-BUILT MIG 23'S, NOW BEING BASED IN CUBA, CAN DELIVER NUCLEAR WEAPONS. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER EVER SINCE THE AIRCRAFT WERE FIRST REPORTED LAST MONTH. THIS RELUCTANCE WAS NOT EASED BY THE PUBLICATION THIS WEEK OF A SUPPOSEDLY SECRET MEMORANDUM FROM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAROLD BROWN TO PRESIDENT CARTER. IN THE MEMORANDUM, SECRETARY BROWN REPORTEDLY RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER SUPPLYING CUBA WITH MIG-23'S VIOLATED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND THE KREMLIN THAT ENDED THE OCTOBER 1962 CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS.

ANNCR:

AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS ----- . JOIN US AGAIN NEXT ----- WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK.

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